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1. INDOCHINA

NYT'S GELB QUOTES ADMIN OFFICIALS THAT PRES AND SECSTATE

HAVE ORDERED GOVT AGENCIES TO STOP LOBBYING FOR NEW

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FOREIGN AID BILL, IN EFFORT TO BLOCK RESTRICTIVE

AMENDMENTS. ADMIN INSTEAD SEEKS TO EXTEND CONTINUING RESOLUTION THAT RUNS OUT 9/30, WHICH WILL GIVE ADMIN MORE MONEY AND FLEXIBILITY FOR SEVERAL COUNTRIES INCLUDING SVN, CAMBODIA AND SK, BUT REDUCED FLEXIBILITY AND MONEY FOR OTHERS. POINTS OUT THAT CONTINUING RESOLUTION PASSED BY HOUSE LAST WEEK CONTAINS 250 MILLION FOR CAMBODIA AND 100 MILLION FOR LAOS NOT CONTAINED IN THAT PROPOSED BY SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. KEY CONGRESSMEN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW THAT JUNE'S CONTINUING RESOLUTION CONTAINED EXTRA 350 MILLION FOR INDOCHINA. AS RESULT CAMBODIA AND LAOS GET MIL AID BASED ON LAST YEAR'S BILL EVEN THOUGH BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES INDICATE THAT THEY FAVOR DEEP CUTS IN NEW BILL.

EMBASSY ANNOUNCES THAT DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS WILL ARRIVE AT SAIGON ON 10/1 ON "FACT FINDING AND FAMILIARIZATION VISIT" AND WILL TOUR OTHER SEA COUNTRIES (MCCOMBS, WP).

ABOUT 1000 DEMONSTRATORS, INCLUDING BUDDHIST AND RC PRIESTS, LEGISLATORS AND NEWSPAPER EDITORS, DENOUNCE GVN FOR CORRUPTION AND PRESS REPRESSION. POLICE CLASH BRIEFLY WITH MARCHERS, BUT NO REPORTS OF ARRESTS OR SERIOUS INJURIES. ONE BANNER CALLED ON THIEU TO RESIGN (UPI NYT, NYDN). REPORTS FROM NHA TRANG INDICATE THAT SIMILAR DEMONSTRATION HELD WITHOUT INCIDENT. GVN SPOKESMAN SAYS DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE PERMITTED SO LONG AS "DO NOT DISTURB PUBLIC ORDER" (UPI, NYT; GLOBE).

WP'S MCCOMBS IN SAIGON DESCRIBES DEMONSTRATION THAT SNARLED TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF CENTRAL MARKET AND DURING WHICH "SEVERAL WILD STREET FIGHTS" TOOK PLACE. NOTES THAT POLICE WERE NON-SUPPRESSIVE BUT SEEMED TO HAVE ORDERS TO "DISRUPT AND TERRORIZE." SAYS DEMONSTRATION COMES AT TIME OF MOUNTING POLITICAL UNREST WITH BROAD FRONT OF ANTI-GVN RCS, BUDDHISTS, POLITICIANS, NEWSMEN AND OTHERS HAVING BEEN FORMED, AND DEMONSTRATION HELD BY "LEFT WING OF THE BROAD FRONT." SEES THIEU IN TIGHT SPOT; QUOTES ONE POLITICAL OBSERVER THAT GIVING IN WOULD GIVE APPEARANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THIEU IS LOSING AUTHORITY WHILE REPRESSION WOULD MEAN TROUBLE WITH US CONGRESS. LEAFLETS AND BANNERS DEMANDED THIEU OUT, PEACE, PRESS FREEDOM, WORKERS' RIGHTS, AND DENOUNCED CORRUPTION. OPPOSITION DEPUTY DEMANDED PRESS FREEDOM. NUNS CALLED FOR RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

MCCOMBS REVIEWS PRESS CONTROVERSY BASED ON TOUGH

CENSORSHIP LAWS, TELLS OF RECENT SEIZURES OF PRESS RUNS BY POLICE. SAYS AMEMBASSY EDGY OVER POLITICAL SITUATION AND HAS REPORTEDLY ADVISED THIEU TO DEAL CAREFULLY LEST HE RISK INCURRING CONGRESSIONAL WRATH. NOTES THAT AN QUANG PAGODA LEADERS ISSUED STATEMENT TELLING THIEU THAT IF HE SEES HIMSELF AS OBSTACLE TO PEACE HE SHOULD RETIRE. QUOTES SAIGON RADIO THAT THIEU WILL MAKE SPECIAL NATIONAL RADIO AND TV ADDRESS ON 10/1 "APPARENTLY TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION."

PL FORCES FREE 64 THAI AND 44 RLG SOLDIERS ON 9/29 IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS. ICC OFFICERS WITNESS EXCHANGE AT MAKESHIFT AIRSTRIP IN PLAIN OF JARS (AFP, WP). THAI ARMY CAPTAIN RELEASED AFTER NINE YEARS AS POW IN LAOS AND NVN. SAYS MET NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN CAPTIVITY BUT THAT ALL HAD BEEN FREED AND HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD OF ANY OTHER US POWS IN INDOCHINA (GLOBE).

2. CHINA

NCNA REPORTS FLOODS AFTER CONTINUOUS HEAVY RAIN WHICH CAUSED SEA TIDES TO RISE HAVE ALMOST DESTROYED PART OF SHENGLI OILFIELD IN POHAI BAY AREA (WP).

IN SPEECH AFTER RECEIVING CREDENTIALS OF NEW PRC AMBASSADOR WEI PAO-SHAN, CAMEROUN PRES. AHIDJO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CHINESE AID (AFP, WP).

CHIANG KAI-SHEK RAPS UN FOR REMOVING FROM ITS HQ AT PRC'S INSISTENCE MARBLE PLAQUE BEARING CONFUCIUS QUOTATION, WHICH ROC GAVE UN SIX YEARS AGO. GIMO SAYS PEKING'S DEMAND WAS "ANOTHER INDICATION THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS FEAR THE PERVERSIVE INFLUENCE OF THE SAGE'S

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TEACHINGS" (AP NYDN, WP; CSM).

SIDE OF MOUNTAIN, LOOSENERED BY ROAD CONSTRUCTION DYNAMITING AND DRENCHED BY TYPHOON WENDY, COLLAPSED SATURDAY NIGHT IN NORTHERN TAIWAN BURYING SMALL VILLAGE. AT LEAST 13 KILLED, 32 INJURED, 31 MISSING (UPI, WP).

3. KOREA

UNIT OF FLUOR CORP., LA, HAS BEEN SELECTED BY NAMHAE CHEMICAL CORP., SEOUL, AS MANAGING PRIME CONTRACTOR FOR 200 MILLION DOLS FERTILIZER MANUFACTURING FACILITY TO BE BUILT NEAR YOSU. US MANUFACTURERS WILL SUPPLY MAJOR PORTION OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. US GOODS

AND SERVICES WILL BE FINANCED THROUGH EX-IM CREDIT,
PRIVATE EXPORT FUNDING CORP. AND BANK SYNDICATE HEADED
BY BANK OF AMERICA (LAT 9/27).

PHINQ CARRIES TEXT OF REV. SUN MYUNG MOON'S SEPT. 18
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN SERMON IN AD OF TWO FULL PAGES.

4. JAPAN

WIDE PRESS COVERAGE FOR WEEKEND OIL TALKS BY JAPANESE,
FRG, FRENCH, UK AND US FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FINANCE
MINISTERS AT DOS (NYT'S DALE, WP'S BERGER). NYDN
WASHINGTON DISPATCH REPORTS MUCH TALK BY CONFEREES,
BUT LITTLE INDICATION THEY CAME UP WITH ANY JOINT
POLICY. TO CSM'S SCHMIDT, MOST IMPORTANT IMPLICATION
EMERGING FROM "HIGHLY SECRET WEEKEND" WAS THAT BIG
FIVE OIL-CONSUMING NATIONS NOW ARE SO THOROUGHLY ALARMED

BY IMPACT OF HIGHER OIL PRICES THAT THEY ARE WILLING
TO COOPERATE.

NYT'S KLEIMAN SUGGESTS THAT "EXTRAORDINARILY DETAILED"
7,000-WORD DRAFT, CONCLUDED IN BRUSSELS SEPT. 20,
COMMITTING JAPAN AND OTHER OIL-CONSUMERS TO JOINT
ACTION ON ENERGY THROUGH LONG-TERM POOLING OF SOVEREIGNTY,
MAY PROVE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEIR COMMITMENT TO POOL
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OIL IN EVENT OF ANOTHER ARAB EMBARGO OR OTHER
EMERGENCY (REPRINTED IN SUN).

REGULAR TOKYO-PEKING AIR SERVICE OPENED SUNDAY AS PRC
BOEING 707 ARRIVED IN TOKYO AND JAL DC-8 LANDED IN
PEKING AFTER FLIGHTS INAUGURATING NEW CIVIL AIR PACT
(AP CSM, SUN).

IN TOKYO, WP'S SCHUMACHER REPORTS JAL CRAFT CARRIED
93 PASSENGERS, MAINLY MIDDLE-RANK POLITICIANS AND
BUSINESSMEN, WHILE PRC PLANE BORE 98-MEMBER DELEGATION
LED BY WANG CHEN. REPORTS JAPAN SOURCES SAYING WHILE
CHINA ROUTE WILL BE MONEY-LOSER FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL
YEARS, AIRLINK IS LARGE STEP TOWARD AMBITIONS FOR MORE
BALANCED MULTI-POLAR DIPLOMACY. JAL OFFICIAL NOTES ALMOST
2000 FLEW DAILY TO TAIWAN BEFORE THAT LINK SEVERED;
ONLY 2000 BOOKED TO CHINA FOR WHOLE MONTH OF OCTOBER.
GAIMUSHO OFFICIALS SAY THEY HOPE GROWING TIES WITH PEKING
WILL HELP EXTRACT GREATER COOPERATION FROM SOVIET IN
SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND IN DISPUTE OVER FOUR
SMALL ISLANDS OFF JAPANESE NORTH COAST.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT), IN TOKYO, OBSERVES THAT NEW TOKYO-PEKING AIR SERVICE WILL CUT DAY OFF TIME NEEDED FOR AMERICANS TO REACH PEKING. ALTHOUGH NEW AIR ROUTE IS BEING HAILED IN JAPAN AS MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT, SOME JAPANESE BELIEVE IT IS MORE TO CHINA'S THAN JAPAN'S ADVANTAGE -- IN LIGHT OF GOJ'S LOSS OF AIR RELATIONS WITH ROC AND FACT THAT PRC RECEIVED APPROVAL TO FLY TO CANADA AND US, WHILE JAL GOT LESS LUCRATIVE FLIGHT RIGHTS TO PAKISTAN AND ME. ACCORDING JAPANESE OFFICIALS, SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS HAVE PROCEEDED AT "SATISFACTORY PACE" SINCE TANAKA'S PEKING VISIT IN 1972.

NYT'S FRANKLIN REPORTS THAT RECENT DISCLOSURE OF QUIETLY ARRANGED SHIPMENT TO JAPAN OF 10,000 TONS OF COAL STRIP-MINED IN MONTANA HAS AROUSED PROTESTS FROM ORGANIZATION OF RANCHERS WHO FEAR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF MONTANA'S IMPENDING COAL BOOM. JAPAN IS LARGEST IMPORTER OF US COAL, WITH CONTRACTS FOR 19.1-MILLION TONS IN 1973, NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF US EXPORT TOTAL.

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GOJ PLEDGES THAT US MARITIME COMMISSION WILL RECEIVE POSITIVE COOPERATION FROM JAPAN'S TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY REGARDING PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ALLOWABLE DUAL RATE SPREAD FOR JAPAN-NA CONFERENCE LINER TRADE (JOC).

MITSUBISHI CONFIRMS THAT IT AND SIX OTHER FIRMS HAVE ASKED THREE-YEAR POSTPONEMENT IN IMPLEMENTING PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT IN THAILAND BECAUSE OF POOR PROSPECTS FOR PROFITABILITY STEMMING FROM SHARP RISE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND STEEP DECLINE IN DEMAND (LAT 9/27).

5. MALAYSIA

IN KL ADDRESSING FINANCIAL TIMES CONFERENCE ON NATURAL RESOURCES IN SEA, BARING BROS' DIRECTOR ANDREW TUCKEY ADVISED THAT ARAB OIL DOLLARS ARE LIKELY TO BE CHANNELED INTO INVESTMENT IN SEA NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH NEW ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK IN WHICH MALAYSIA PLAYS PROMINENT PART (JOC).

PLANS OF MALAYSIAN KING, SULTAN HALIM, TO TAKE SECOND WIFE ARE UPSET BY SEVERAL WOMEN'S GROUPS WHO FORCE RAZAK TO PERSUADE KING TO DELAY WEDDING. WOMEN DEMAND STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF INTENT OF MOSLEM EDICTS THAT ALLOW MAN SECOND WIFE ONLY IF ORIGINAL ONE IS BARREN OR OTHERWISE INCAPABLE OF PERFORMING WIFELY DUTIES (UPI, CHITRIB).

6. ANZ

SHAH OF IRAN AND WIFE ARRIVED IN WELLINGTON AFTER TWO DAYS
IN SOUTH ISLAND (AFP, WP).

CSM'S TOOHEY IN SYDNEY REPORTS EFFECTS OF GOA'S
SEPTEMBER 25 DEVALUATION DECISION. SAYS DECISION HAS NOT
ENHANCED AUSTRALIA'S STANDING WITH HER MAJOR TRADING
PARTNER, JAPAN, AND HAS, AT SAME TIME LEFT OPEN
SERIOUS INFLATIONARY PROBLEMS WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

ALSO FROM SYDNEY, JOC'S STOVE REPORTS THAT GLOOM PERVERSES
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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DESPITE WHITLAM'S CONFIDENT
ASSURANCE THAT GOA BUDGET "LAID THE FOUNDATION OF RENEWED
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE." NOTES THAT BUDGET PLEASED SOME
SECTIONS OF COMMUNITY, BUT DISPLEASED MORE. CITES GOA
TREASURER ON RATIONALE UNDERLYING BUDGET; ALSO REPORTS
SOME ARGUMENTS AGAINST BUDGET.

7. PHILIPPINES

IMELDA MARCOS RETURNED HOME SUNDAY FROM 10-DAY PRC VISIT
AND SAID MAO WANTS TO MEET MARCOS (AP, PHINQ).

8. COLOMBO PLAN

TWENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF COLOMBO
PLAN MEETS IN SINGAPORE NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 5 (AFP, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. CHINA

FROM HK, NYT'S LELYVELD WRITES "NOTES" ON DEALING
WITH POLITICS BY ALLEGORY IN PRC. REPORTS CASE OF
CENSORS RECALLING JULY 23 EARLY EDITION OF KWANGMING
JIH PAO, WHICH CONTAINED ESSAY BY HAN FEI REGARDED
AS HAVING BEEN A COVERT ATTACK ON MAO. ESSAY IS
PASSIONATE PROTEST, DESCRIBING A STATE SO SUNK IN
FACTIONALISM AND CORRUPTION AS TO BE IRREDEEMABLE.
RULER IS SURROUNDED BY "TRAITOROUS MINISTERS" AND
COURTIERS WHO CATER TO HIS WHIMS AND CUT HIM OFF
FROM UPRIGHT OFFICIALS. HAN SAYS IT IS A "MONSTROUS
CRIME" FOR A MINISTER TO TREAT RULER THIS WAY, AND A
"HUGE MISTAKE" FOR RULER TO ALLOW IT. WHEN IT HAS
HAPPENED, ESSAY CONCLUDES, "THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT
THE STATE CAN BE SAVED FROM DESTRUCTION."

EDIT NOTE PREFACING ESSAY GOES OUT OF ITS WAY TO MAKE
SURE THAT NO READER WILL THINK SITUATION PECULIAR
TO ANCIENT TIMES. IT EXPLAINS THAT THE DECEIVING
MINISTERS HAN ATTACKED WERE JUST LIKE THE LATE LIN PIAO,
LEAVING TO READER TO DRAW ON CONCLUSIONS AS TO IDENTITY
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OF DECEIVED RULER. SWIFT SUPPRESSION DEMONSTRATES THAT
ESSAY STRUCK SENSITIVE NERVE.

LELYVELD NOTES THAT MRS. MARCOS CAME TO PRC AT CHOU'S
INVITATION AND PROLONGED HER STAY AT CHIANG CHING'S
INVITATION. WHETHER CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP HAS POLITICAL
SIGNIFICANCE, VISIT SERVED TO underscore CHIANG'S
ENHANCED PROMINENCE. CHINESE PRESS, WHICH NEVER
IDENTIFIES HER AS MAO'S WIFE, NOW DESCRIBES HER AS A
"NATIONAL LEADER." WHEN GOVT AND PARTY LEADERS GATHER
TO MEET FOREIGN GUEST, HER NAME IS ROUTINELY LISTED
FIRST. SO FAR SHE HAS APPEARED THREE TIMES WITH
MRS. MARCOS, EVEN ACCOMPANYING HER ON PROVINCIAL TOUR.
CHIANG'S ATTENTIVENESS COMES AT TIME WHEN PRC PRESS

HAS BEEN DWELLING ON VIRTUES OF ANCIENT EMPRESSES WHO
SUCCESSFULLY WIELDED POLITICAL POWER AFTER THEIR
EMPERORS DIED; "IF THIS IS ALLEGORY, ONLY ONE INTERPRE-
TATION COMES TO MIND," LELYVELD COMMENTS.

GLOBE AND MAIL'S JOHN BURNS (WP) WRITES ABOUT RESORT
AREA PEITAIHO PLAYING HOST TO LARGEST NUMBER OF
VACATIONERS SINCE GPCR. CADRES HAVE RETURNED IN
FORCE, THOUGH COUNTRY IS SUPPOSEDLY IN GRIP OF MASS
CAMPAIGN THAT PUTS PREMIUM ON HARD WORK AND SIMPLE
LIVING. FOREIGNERS ARE THERE ALSO, IN "SPECIAL
ENCLAVE." SOVIET DELEGATION TO DEADLOCKED BORDER
TALKS IS INVITED TO PEITAIHO EVERY YEAR FOR WEEK OF
RELAXATION, CHARACTERIZED BY SHOW OF COURTESY ON BOTH
SIDES THAT BETRAYS LITTLE OF EMBITTERED SINO-SOVIET
RELATIONS.

JOC'S STRAUSS IN HK REVIEWS PRC'S GROWTH PATTERN
IN OBSERVANCE OF OCT 1. CITES UNITY AND PEACE AS
TWO MAJOR ASSETS COMMUNISTS BROUGHT TO CHINA. CHINESE
COMMUNISTS HAVE SHOWN WORLD A NEW PATH TO NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, STRESSING AGRIC RATHER THAN FOLLOWING
SOVIET MODEL OF EMPHASIZING HEAVY INDUSTRY. HOWEVER,
GOVT RECORD IN CHINA'S ECONOMY IS DECIDELY MIXED;
THERE ARE AREAS OF POOR PLANNING AND INCOMPETENCE,
AS ACKNOWLEDGED BY COMMUNISTS. STILL, CHINA'S
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS OUTWEIGH HER FAILURES.

10. INDOCHINA

WP NOTES RENEWED EFFORTS IN UNGA TO TAKE CAMBODIA'S SEAT AWAY FROM LON NOL GOVT. SAYS SOME CHALLENGERS EVIDENTLY HOPE THAT LOSS OF UN SEAT WOULD LEAD TO HIS COLLAPSE AND REPLACEMENT BY KHMER INSURGENTS. THINKS THAT IS UNLIKELY SINCE WHAT KEEPS LON NOL AFLOAT IS NOT HIS STATUS IN UNGA BUT US AID, WHICH WAS DISPENSED IN LAST FY AT MORE THAN 2 MILLION DOLS PER DAY.

THEREFORE, DEEP CUTS AND SHARP RESTRICTIONS CONGRESS HAS WRITTEN INTO NEW AID BILL, AS IT AFFECTS CAMBODIA, ARE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT FOR THAT COUNTRY - AND FOR US POSITION THERE - THAN ANYTHING THAT TAKES PLACE AT UNGA. THAT SUBSTANTIAL AID CUTS COULD TOPPLE LON NOL IS WIDELY ACCEPTED IN WASHINGTON. BEYOND THAT, HOWEVER, THERE IS AN INTERESTING DIVERGENCE OF VIEW WITHIN GOVT. ONE SCHOOL, APPARENTLY DOMINANT, HOLDS THAT IT WOULD BE HARMFUL FOR US-SUPPORTED REGIME TO GO DOWN AS PERCEIVED CONSEQUENCE OF WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN SUPPORT.

OTHER SCHOOL HOLDS THAT, SINCE US COMMITMENT TO CAMBODIA IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM AND MUCH SMALLER THAN COMMITMENT TO VN, DIPLOMATIC DAMAGE TO US WOULD BE CORRESPONDINGLY REDUCED. BUT IT IS PRETTY MUCH AGREED THAT NO GOVT IN PP CAN BE EXPECTED TO KEEP NVN FROM USING CAMBODIAN TERRITORY FOR ACCESS TO SVN, AND CONCLUSION RUNS THAT STRATEGICALLY IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHO RULES PP.

SOME IN GKR ARE PREPARED TO RECONCILE THEMSELVES TO SHARP REDUCTION IN US AID AND PREPARED TO MAKE BEST POSSIBLE DEAL THEY CAN WITH INSURGENTS OR SKIP OUT. CONGRESS, AS IT CONTEMPLATES ITS OWN AID CUTS, SHOULD ADMIT THAT LON NOL'S TOTAL COLLAPSE COULD ENSUE. BUT WHATEVER CONGRESS DOES, IT SHOULD BE DONE WITH AN OPEN-EYED AWARENESS OF THAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF REDUCTIONS MAY BE.

GARRY WILLS (PHINQ) VIEWS VN PEACE AS STILL AN ILLUSION, AND THE 700 MILLION DOLS CONGRESS WILL SEND TO UNCLASSIFIED

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PROP UP THIEU REGIME AS THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR BUYING "HENRY HIS 'DECENT INTERVAL'" BEFORE THE COLLAPSE. TO GENERAL MURRAY'S CONTENTION THAT 700 MILLION IS

"STICKING A KNIFE IN THEIR BACKS," AND THAT WE MUST SEND THIEU AT LEAST A BILLION - FOR A START, WILLS SAYS THIEU HAS BEEN STICKING KNIVES IN THE BACK OF HIS OWN COUNTRY FOR YEARS. IT IS TIME TO END THE INDECENT INTERVAL; 700 MILLION IS NOT AN UNJUSTIFIABLY LOW FIGURE. IT IS JUST PLAIN UNJUSTIFIABLE.

11. KOREA

CSM FEATURES INTERVIEW POND HAD WITH KOREA'S ONLY WOMAN LAWYER, LEE TAI YONG, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID CENTER FOR FAMILY RELATIONS, WHO IS HELPING KOREAN WOMEN RAISE THEIR LEGAL STATUS. INTERVIEW OCCURRED BEFORE POND'S VISA WAS REVOKED BY ROKG.

JAPAN

CHITRIB'S WIENER CITES ZENITH SUIT AGAINST MATSUSHITA AND SEVEN OTHER MAJOR JAPANESE ELECTRONICS FIRMS OVER MATSUSHITA'S ACQUISITION OF MOTOROLA'S TV BUSINESS. SAYS THIS IS FIRST TIME ZENITH HAS TAKEN ITS COMPLAINTS INTO FEDERAL COURT WITH "APPARENT DETERMINATION TO NAME NAMES, GIVE EVIDENCE, AND NOT MINCE WORDS." ADDS THAT SUIT COMES AT TIME WHEN CONSOLIDATION AND WITHDRAWAL AMONG US TV FIRMS SEEMS RAMPANT, AND CONTENDS ZENITH'S STATISTICS "CLEARLY SHOW" JAPANESE INROADS, WHETHER PREDATORY OR NOT. NOTES THAT IN 1955, ABOUT 2 PERCENT

OF RADIOS SOLD IN US WERE IMPORTED FROM JAPAN, WHEREAS LAST YEAR FIGURE WAS ALMOST 97 PERCENT; IN 1960, ABOUT 7,000 BLACK/WHITE TV SETS WERE IMPORTED FROM JAPAN, BUT TOTAL HAD SWELLED TO 5 MILLION SETS BY LAST YEAR; IN 1965, COLOR TV SETS IMPORTED FROM JAPAN ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 2 PERCENT OF US SALES OF 2.7 MILLION UNITS, AND BY 1970 THEY HAD GROWN TO 16 PERCENT OF 5.3 MILLION UNITS.

POINTS OUT THAT US MANUFACTURERS, MEANWHILE, HAVE BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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KEPT OUT OF JAPANESE MARKET WHILE COMPETITIVE PRESSURES FROM JAPANESE HAVE FORCED THEM TO MOVE MORE OF THEIR MANUFACTURING OVERSEAS, OFTEN ENDING UP BEING DEPENDENT FOR SUPPLIES ON JAPANESE DEFENDANTS, ACCORDING ZENITH. ZENITH COMPLAINS THAT SETTING UP OF ASSEMBLY PLANTS IN US BY JAPANESE FIRMS IS SIMPLY EXTENSION OF "CONSPIRACY" WITH ADDED TWIST: ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS PRODUCED ABROAD BY JAPANESE AND PRICED "AT ARTIFICIALLY LOW LEVELS" CAN BE USED IN US PLANTS TO UNDERCUT OTHER US-BASED MANUFACTURERS AND FURTHER DIBILITATE ELECTRONIC

PARTS INDUSTRY. WIENER NOTES BOTH JAPANESE AND ZENITH
ARE TAKING "LOW PROFILE" REGARDING SUIT "AND NEITHER
SIDE HAS HAD MUCH TO SAY PUBLICLY." INGERSOLL

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